## ORDINANCE NO. 31 CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A GENERAL PENALTY PROVISION AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Liberty Lake will incorporate on August 31, 2001:

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35A.11.020, the City Council is granted the authority to impose penalties for the violation of Ordinances which may not exceed \$5,000.00 or imprisonment for any term not exceeding one year, or both, where a misdemeanor has been committed;

WHEREAS, the City has adopted by reference various laws regulating conduct which can lead to the imposition of fines and imprisonment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous of adopting penalties associated with commission of a misdemeanor.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Liberty Lake, Washington, do ordain as follows:

- <u>Section 1.</u> <u>General Penalties</u>. Unless otherwise specified by City Ordinance, anyone who violates the provisions of any Ordinance shall be punished pursuant to the general penalty provision set forth below:
- A. Criminal Penalty. Unless otherwise provided, any person violating any of the provisions of any Ordinance of the City is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person convicted of a misdemeanor under City code shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00 or by imprisonment not to exceed one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
- B. Civil Penalty. Any person violating any of the provisions of any Ordinance of the City which is designated a civil offense, shall have committed a civil infraction. Unless otherwise provided, any such person shall be assessed a monetary penalty not to exceed \$250.00 for each day that the violation occurs.
- Section 2. Separate Offense. Every person violating any of the provisions of any Ordinance of the City is guilty of a separate offense for each and every day during any portion of which the violation is committed, continued or permitted by any such person.
- Section 3. Nuisance. In addition to the penalties set forth above, all remedies given by law for the prevention and abatement of nuisances shall apply regardless of any other remedy.

Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 16. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication of the Ordinance Summary, and on the date of incorporation.

PASSED by the City Council this day of August, 2001.

Mayor, Steve Peterson

ATTEST:

Interim City Clerk, Arlene Fisher

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Interim City Attorney, Stanley M. Schwartz

Date of Publication:

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Effective Date: Date of Incorporation